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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the following claims:

3. The handle section as claimed in claim 1, **characterized in that** the control device (27) includes an encoding detection device (5) for detecting an encoding of the interlock canceling element (7) of the attached cleaning tool (2), and that the interlock device (100) is deactivatable in response to a signal from the encoding detection device (5).

4. The handle section as claimed in claim 1, wherein provision is made for a switch on the handle section (1), preferably an on-off switch of the drive mechanism (23), for activation of the encoding detection device (5), said drive mechanism (23) being adapted to be turned on upon a positive response of the encoding detection device (5) or upon deactivation of the interlock device (100).

5. The handle section as claimed in claim 1, **characterized in that** the interlock device (100) operates electronically.

6. The handle section as claimed in claim 3, **characterized in that** the encoding detection device (5) is of the noncontacting type.

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